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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment on frozen whole hens and toms steady to fully steady, hens in the tightest position. Demand light to moderate and best for deferred shipments. Light sales reported for prompt arrivals. Offerings light to adequate with hens held with confidence. Parts and meats trading light to moderate. Demand mixed and in a full range.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand moderate. Trading generally improving with most interest noted on tom drums and thigh meat going to Mexico. Asia and Africa inquiry fairly good with interest directed at wings and wing cuts.

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FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	66-68	67.67	240	-	-	-	160	APR
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-65	62-65	64.25	160	-	-	-	200	APR
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	61	61.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 MARCH 2000.

Trade sentiment mixed on tom drums ranging from barely steady to fully steady, tom wings steady to barely steady, necks generally steady with instances of weakness noted. Bulk parts inquiry light to fair with the best interest noted on drums. Demand on drums best for exports, however, some export buyers are less willing than others to pay seller asking price levels. Trading light on all items with 4-8 lb. breasts the most active. Offerings of tom drums light to adequate and becoming more available, tom wings adequate to ample, necks at least adequate. Plant grade 8-10 lb. breasts (part load) 100 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	101.00-103.00		102.88	213
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	97.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	26.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	25.00		25.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	30
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	39.00	120
NECKS, TOM		R	14.43	60
NECKS, HEN		R	15.50	16
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00		180.00	40
THIGH MEAT		R	63.52	54
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	65.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	117.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	80.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	160.00		160.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	166.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	46.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	17.54	480

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-28.00		27.50	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	19.50	320
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	20.50	104
TAILS		W	17.59	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	13.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	66.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-68
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-72

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

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Trade sentiment mixed on fresh tom breast meat ranging from barely steady to fully steady with some sellers expressing increased confidence while others have difficulty moving current production. Destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to firm on fresh, frozen, meanwhile, is mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady. Demand light to fair, mostly fair on tom breast meat with fresh the most active. Destrapped tenderloin demand active on fresh, frozen light. Trading centered on light volumes of frozen thigh meat and tom drums at steady to barely steady price levels. Frozen fine grind 15% fat 40 lb. bulk ground turkey (4 loads) 35 cents delivered port for export.

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DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
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BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	179.00		179.00	30
THIGH MEAT	66.00		66.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	65.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	117.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	80.00	40
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	157.00		157.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	168.00		168.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	44.00		44.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	17.54	480

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-26.50	26.25	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00	19.00	312
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.50	19.50	104
TAILS	19.00	19.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00-17.00	14.11	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-69.00	65.41	232

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/29/99

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
1999-2000	14,582	251,063	251,413
1998-1999	4,450	387,241	387,591